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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,17,18,21-23,32 and 33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4-16,19,20 and 24-31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 September 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER
11/16/2005

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3, 17-18, 21-23, and 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Blondeau et al. (5,262,656).

The Blondeau et al. reference discloses in figure 2, an optical semiconductor transceiver comprising:

- a substrate (S);
- a first element (L) having a light emitting function (laser) fixed on the substrate (S);
- a second element (DEC) having a light receiving function (detector) fixed on the substrate (S); and
- an optical waveguide having an optical waveguide member formed on the substrate to connect the first element and the second element through which a light emitted by the first element transmits to the second element.

With regard to claims 1 and 22-23, the Blondeau et al reference discloses all the claimed invention.

With regard to claim 3, the Blondeau et al reference discloses the optical waveguide member of the optical waveguide being installed in a linear or planar manner on the substrate.

With regard to claims 17 and 18, the Blondeau et al reference discloses a first element is a laser, and the second element is photodiode.

With regard to claims 32, and 33, are also disclosed in the Blondeau et al reference, since these claims do not add any further limitations.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 2, 4-16, 19-20, and 24-31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Blondeau et al. reference does not disclose the optical wave-guide being formed on the substrate to cover a part of the light emitting function of the first element an a part of the light receiving function of the second element, and the optical wave-guide having a function to transmit the optical signal emitted from the first element to the second element, as discloses in claim 2.

The Blondeau et al. reference does not disclose the optical wave-guide including a light scattering mechanism scattering light, and the optical waveguide being installed in the vicinity of at least one of the first element and the second element, as discloses in claim 4.

CONTACT INFORMATION

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHAN T.H. PALMER whose telephone number is (571) 272-2354. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RODNEY B. BOVERNICK can be reached on (571) 272-2344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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